

### IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

The paragraph beginning on page 6, line 13 is amended as follows:

Data structure and memory 162 may comprise one or more data structures stored in memory. In accordance with some embodiments, data structure and memory 162 may include data such as capabilities, client DLLs 108, configuration data abstraction layer 104, and complied PXL 110 (~~FIG. 1~~) (FIG. 1A), among other things.

The paragraph beginning on page 10, line 16 is amended as follows:

In some embodiments, the client protocols 112 including versions thereof may also mark route attributes in a route update message ~~of the policy~~ as invariant when one or more attributes do not change with respect to the received routes that are to be executed with respect to an associated routing policy.

The paragraph beginning on page 16, line 29 is amended as follows:

Operation 304 comprises receiving a route update message from a peer router. The route update message may be associated with one client ~~protocols~~ protocol 112 (FIG. 1A) and may be associated with a version of the client protocol. In some embodiments, the route update message may include a plurality (i.e., a batch) of updated routes. At least some of the updated routes may have differing prefixes (i.e., different routes) and may have attributes of identical values. In some embodiments, there may be many routes identified in a route update message that may share identical attributes, although the scope of the invention is not limited in this respect.